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SUBJ: W/W VICTOR JOHN HAGHANI

REF: STATE 23071, STATE 221359, TEHRAN 9313

1. CONGRESSMAN BENJAMIN GILMAN INTERESTED.

2. EMB HAS HAD NO WORD FROM VICTOR JOHN HAGHANI, NOR HAS HIS FATHER CALLED THE EMB IN RESPONSE TO AN ORAL MESSAGE LEFT BY AN EMB EMPLOYEE AT HIS RESIDENCE. EVENING OF SEPT 21, THE EMPLOYEE RETURNED TO THE RESIDENCE WITH A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF OF THE CONSULAR SECTION ASKING THAT HE OR HIS FATHER CONTACT THE EMB. NO ONE WAS HOME, BUT THE LETTER WAS LEFT.

3. EMB WILL OFFER VICTOR ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING ISSUANCE OF A NEW U.S. PASSPORT. HIS CASE IS COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN CONSIDERS BOTH FATHER AND SON TO BE IRANIAN CITIZENS, AND DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THEIR AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP. MOREOVER, IRANIAN LAW AWARDS THE CUSTODY OF CHILDREN OVER THE AGE OF TWO TO THEIR FATHERS IN THE EVENT OF A DIVORCE, AND WILL NOT RECOGNIZE OR COMPLY WITH AMERICAN COURT ORDERS.

4. THE DEPT AND CONGRESSMAN GILMAN WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE.

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